

ARTICLE III

MUNICIPAL POWERS

Section 1. Legislative and Contractual Powers : The said City of Arlington shall have powers to ordain and establish such acts, laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, and ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of Texas and with this Charter, as shall be needful for the government, interests, health, welfare and good order of said City and its inhabitants. Under the name of the City of Arlington it shall be known in law and have succession and be capable of contracting and being contracted with, suing and being sued, impleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, in all courts and tribunals, and in all amounts whatsoever, subject to the laws of the State of Texas, or which shall hereafter be passed.

The City of Arlington shall have the power to take, hold, lease, grant, purchase and convey such real property or mixed property or estate, situated within, or without, the limits thereof, as the purpose of said corporation may require and shall have and use a corporate seal, and change and renew the same at pleasure.

Section 2. Rights Reserved : All suits, taxes, penalties, fines, forfeitures, and all other rights, claims and demands, of every kind and character, which have accrued under the laws in favor of said City, heretofore in force governing the same, shall belong to and vest in said City and shall not abate by reason of the adoption of this Charter, and shall be prosecuted and collected for the use and benefit of the said City of Arlington and shall not be in any manner affected by the taking effect of this Charter; but as to all of such rights, the laws under which they shall have accrued shall be deemed to be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Local Self-Government : The City of Arlington shall possess and may exercise the full power of local self-government. It may hold, by gift, deed, devise, or otherwise, any character of property, including any charitable or trust fund, and subject to and within the limits of superior law may act in perpetual succession as a body politic.

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Section 4. Other Powers: For greater certainty, the following are hereby especially enumerated and referred to as being among the other powers which are hereby conferred upon and which may be exercised by the City of Arlington, to-wit:

- A. All of the powers conferred upon cities and towns by Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, except as may hereafter be denied, limited or extended, are hereby conferred upon the City of Arlington as fully and completely as if such powers were herein separately enumerated.
- B. All powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon cities of more than five thousand inhabitants, by Section 4 of Chapter 147, acts of the 33rd Legislature, General Laws Regular Session, at pages 310 to 316, entitled, "An Act Authorizing Cities Having More Than Five Thousand Inhabitants, by a Majority Vote of the Qualified Voters of said City, at an Election Held for that Purpose to Adopt and Amend Their Charters," etc.; and such powers are hereby conferred upon the City of Arlington as fully and completely as if each of said mentioned powers were herein separately enumerated; but enumeration of special powers herein, or in the Statutes referred to, shall not be held or construed to preclude the City from exercising all powers of local government not inhibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, or by special limitations in this Charter contained, the purpose of this Charter being to enlarge upon the power extended by the general laws of cities incorporated thereunder, and to secure to the City of Arlington, all the powers conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State upon Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants.